

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	4:10CR3024
vs.)	
)	PRELIMINARY ORDER
KRISTOPHER ROWELL,)	OF FORFEITURE
)	
Defendant.)	

NOW ON THIS 12th day of May, 2011, this matter comes on before the Court upon the United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 63). The Court reviews the record in this case and, being duly advised in the premises, finds as follows:

1. The Defendant has entered into a plea agreement whereby he has agreed to plead guilty to Count I, receipt of child pornography, a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2252A(a)(2), and has agreed to the forfeiture, pursuant to 18 U.S.C., § 2253, of the WD external hard drive, Model 16001032-001, Serial No. WCANMF293977, and the HP laptop computer, Serial No. CNF72726VR, on the basis they were used or were intended to be used to facilitate the violation in Count I. Pursuant to the Amended Indictment (Filing No. 39), these two items will be forfeited to the United States. The parties have agreed the remaining items of personal property mentioned in the Amended Indictment will be returned to the Defendant.

2. By virtue of said guilty plea, the Defendant forfeits his interest in the WD external hard drive, Model 16001032-001, Serial No. WCANMF293977, and the HP laptop computer, Serial No. CNF72726VR. The United States should be entitled to possession of said property, pursuant to 18 U.S.C., § 2253.

3. The United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be sustained.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

A. The United States' Motion for Issuance of Preliminary Order of Forfeiture is hereby sustained.

B. Based upon Count III of the Amended Indictment (Filing No. 39) and the Defendant's plea of guilty, the United States is hereby authorized to seize a WD external hard drive, Model 16001032-001, Serial No. WCANMF293977, and an HP laptop computer, Serial No. CNF72726VR (hereinafter collectively referred to as "property"). The property is to be held by the United States in its secure custody and control. The United States is directed to return the remaining items listed in the Amended Indictment to the Defendant.

C. The Defendant's interest in said property is hereby forfeited to the United States for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 18 U.S.C., § 2253.

D. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C., § 2253, the United States forthwith shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official Government internet site (www.forfeiture.gov) notice of this Order, Notice of Publication evidencing the United States' intent to dispose of the property in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than the Defendant, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject property must file a Petition with the court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.

E. Said published notice shall state the Petition referred to in the paragraph immediately above shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's alleged interest in the property, shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and

extent of the Petitioner's right, title or interest in the subject property and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.

F. The United States may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have alleged an interest in the property subject to this Order as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

G. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 18 U.S.C., § 2253, in which all interests will be addressed.

ORDERED this 12th day of May, 2011.

BY THE COURT:

Richard G. Kopf
United States District Judge